

Thefts in Railway Bogies

338. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that thefts in Railway Bogies during transit are increasing;
- (b) whether there is any plan to use temper free locks for each bogiy;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No. Sir. There is no increase in theft from Railway Bogies (Wagons) over Railways.

(b) and (c) Adequate locking arrangement already exists on all covered wagons. After closing the doors, arrangement is available to seal the flaps and also pad lock the same, if required. The present locking system is considered adequate and at present there is no plan to adopt any other tamper free locking system.

(d) The existing locking arrangement is considered adequate. There is no possibility of pilferage if the wagon doors are locked and sealed properly besides ensuring requisite security during transit.

Rail Line Between Munirabad and Moradabad

339. SHRI SR. BOMMAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that all clearances have been given for a new Rail line between Munirabad and Moradabad approved by Government;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that about Rs. 50 crores were provided in the Railway Budgets for 1997-98 and 1998-99, for the purpose; and
- (c) what is the progress made on this project and how much amount has been spent so far;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) There is no sanctioned work of Munirabad-Moradabad new line. However Munirabad-Mahboobnagar new rail line is an approved work which has received the necessary clearances.

(b) Outlays of Rs. 0.01 crore in 1997-98 and Rs. 10 crore in 1998-99 were provided for the work.

(c) The Final Location survey has been completed. Land acquisition proceedings have been taken up. Presently, work is in progress on the section from Yermaras to Krishna. The expenditure incurred on the project upto 31.3.2000 is Rs. 4.36 crore.

Rail Accidents

340. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of rail accidents, including goods as well as passenger trains, during the 2000-2001 financial year;

(b) the losses incurred due to these accidents;

(c) whether human negligence has been the main cause for these accidents; and

(d) if so, the details of specific steps taken to reduce such accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) There were 408 consequential train accidents during the period 1.4.2000 to 31.01.2001.

(b) The losses suffered due to these accidents have been assessed as Rs. 44.48 crores (provisional).

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The important steps taken by the Government to check accidents in future are listed below:

- (i) Fouling Mark to Fouling Mark (FM to FM) track circuiting on entire 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D' and 'D Spl'. routes where speed